

### ...Orphan

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her efforts to support the family, died at the age of 28.  
From the meager earnings of grandmother Salangsang, the family must pay monthly bills of \$1.95 for land, water, and lights. That leaves only \$1.05 for food, clothing, and medicine which are needed.

ents plan, the South High students contribute \$180 per year for Rolando's support. In addition, the students send money for medicines or other extras from time to time.  
The Student Council also corresponds regularly with Rolando. Mary Jane Collins, the council's corresponding secretary, keeps tabs of all letters and answers every letter from Rolando.  
The money which is sent

comes from student body funds, and all items are purchased in the Philippines by the agency. The project was initiated by the council when Rick Spurgeon was student body president in 1958. The faculty and administration help, but they are quick to give all credit to the students who initiated the project.  
SPARTANS WILL continue to help support Rolando until he is able to assume that responsibility himself. Some day, Rolando hopes to become an artist, and South High students, under the leadership of student body president Raul Matute, will continue to help.  
And, they'll speak often of the reward. It came in the last letter from Rolando when he told the student body, "I promise you that I'll do the best I can to make you proud of me." And proud the Spartans are.

### ...Heaton

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He died later at Harbor General Hospital.

Heaton allegedly ran from the bar at 1327 Cabrillo Ave., threw the gun into a small park at Sartori Avenue and Post, and then called his father, George Heaton, Torrance industrialist. His father drove him to the Torrance police station where he was taken into custody.

## Adopt Resolutions

# Trustees Seek Initiative to Get Added State School Aid

Following action of the tax-override Monday evening, the Board of Education adopted resolutions calling for an initiative measure to force the state to match local school funds on a 50-50 basis.  
One resolution, prepared on the suggestion of board president Bert M. Lynn, called for the state to bring the ratio of state support to local revenues back to its position in the early 1950s. The second resolution calls for legislation making it

mandatory to provide "all necessary funds" for new programs adopted by the legislature.

Commenting on the resolutions, which will be presented to the California School Boards Assn. at its San Francisco convention in December, Lynn said he doubted an initiative would ever reach the voters. Signatures would probably "force the legislature to act first," said Lynn.

DR. J. H. HULL, superintendent of schools, told the board that additional state funds will be necessary if the district is to maintain its present program without additional tax increases in years to come.

The state currently provides about 40 per cent of the funds spent by the Torrance district. In the early 1950s, the ratio was 50-50 for most districts in the state. Dr. Hull told the board that present formulas, designed to aid "impacted areas" where revenues are very low, leaves the average district out in the cold. He also said the state currently provides 73 per cent of the funds for the Lawndale schools.  
The trustees will seek the adoption of the two resolutions by the California School Boards Assn. PTA groups will be asked to aid in the circulation of petitions for the initiative measures.

IN OTHER action, the board: Approved a letter to be sent to teachers who volunteer extra time for remedial or gifted programs thanking them for their concern; Awarded a contract for paper towels and tissue to Hollywood Houseman Supply and Kant M. Landsbert Co. in the amount of \$4,015; Approved interdistrict agreements for the special ed-

education programs with several southwest area districts; Approved a request to proceed with landscaping design at Torrance High School; and

Authorized the employment of an architect to design a school in Tract 2200, near Crenshaw and Sepulveda Boulevards.

## Local Man Heads State Driver Group

New state president of the California Driver Education Assn. is Martin G. Jack of Torrance, supervisor of driver training for Centinela Valley Union High School District.  
Jack, a member of the Centinela staff for 14 years, was installed during the Governor's Traffic Safety conference in Sacramento. Robert Graves, manager of the Public Safety Department of California's Automobile Club, was installing officer for the association.  
Jack has been active in the association for 13 years and has been its treasurer for six years. He is a charter member of the group.

## ...Center

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tion, which will take eight to ten months, will begin in mid-January.  
The total cost of the center is estimated at \$371,000, which also includes \$100,000 worth of the most modern radio equipment now made. The federal government will give the city a check for \$165,000 towards the final cost, and the city's share, which includes an above-ground addition to the jail facilities, is \$206,000. The money was budgeted by the city in its 1962-3 years.

THE CENTER will have its own water and power systems, a fresh-air circulator which is self-contained, and an air-wash system for use in the event of radio-active fallout.  
Most interesting and vital part of the center is the "brain" area—an operations center and command post. A master control board will allow operators to keep track of vehicle movements in the city. Large maps which may be projected on a screen provide quick and detailed information on any sector of the city.  
In addition to the maps, burglar alarms will be connected to the control board. Fire Chief J. J. Benner hopes a voice box fire alarm system will be installed as part of the system.

THE OPERATIONS procedure is based on the fire zone maps of the city. Use of the screen will permit the operator to project a map of the city together with a detail map of the particular zone. Used together, the map will allow any operator to keep track of all fire, police, or civil defense calls in the city, and to dispatch aid in minimum time.  
In addition to the command post, the center also includes a kitchen, dorms, a message room, and switch room. The switch room will contain all communications switching equipment in the city.

NEW FEATURES, which include such innovations as recorders to record each incoming call, abound in the structure. Already, it has become a model for other similar facilities. The Santa Rosa Civil Defense headquarters has received the plan with great enthusiasm, reports Johnson.  
During emergency conditions, the center will serve as the heart of the South Bay area. The commander of the South Bay sector, designated Area G, will give all orders from the center. Direct lines will tie the Area G commander to the regional and state commanders.  
The communications center has been in the works for about 18 months. It is expected to undergo tests within a year before reaching full operational status. It represents a major improvement in city communications systems, and in the efficiency of the city's fire, police, and water departments.

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